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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SEIJI HASHIMOTO ) Examiner: H. Long  
Application No.: 09/584,198 ) Group Art Unit: 2615  
Filed: May 31, 2000 )  
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS ) February 20, 2004

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Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 21, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following election and remarks.

REMARKS

In the Official Action dated January 21, 2004, the Examiner entered a Restriction/Election of Species Requirement. Specifically, the Examiner identified the following species/patentably distinct inventions:

<u>Specie</u>	<u>Figure(s)</u>
I	Figs. 1 to 6;
II	Figs. 7 to 13;
III	Figs. 14 to 19;
IV	20 to 27;
V	28 to 37; and
VI	38 to 46.